
Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment and Notice of Public Hearing

Interstate 5 – 116TH Street NE Interchange Improvements Project

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in Cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) circulated a NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Environmental Assessment (EA) on October 31, 2005.

Description of the Proposed Action

This project will improve the interchange at I-5/116th Street NE by changing from the existing diamond configuration to a single point urban interchange (SPUI), which is an interchange with all of its ramp terminals combined into a single signalized intersection. The existing three-lane overpass at 116th Street NE will be replaced with a new, wider bridge. Existing ramps will be widened and realigned to accommodate the SPUI configuration.

Public Hearing Location and Time

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Quil Ceda Village Conference Room

8825 Quil Ceda Boulevard, Suite D, Quil Ceda Village

The informal public hearing is an opportunity for the public to give testimony on the environmental impacts of the project. Oral testimony will be taken one at a time by the court reporter. Each participant may present testimony either orally to the court reporter or in writing. Plans, maps, environmental documents and other pertinent information about this project will be on display at the hearing, representatives from project team members will be on hand to provide information.

Obtaining Copies of the Environmental Assessment

Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be available for on-site public review beginning October 31, 2005 at the Sno-Isle Regional Library, Marysville branch (6120 Grove Street); Quil Ceda Business Park Office (8802 27th Avenue NE); City of Marysville Public Works Department (80 Columbia Avenue); Bureau Of Indian Affairs (2707 Colby Avenue, Everett); WSDOT NW Region Headquarters (15700 Dayton Avenue N, Seattle); and the Washington State Library (6880 Capitol Blvd. S., Tumwater). A link to the EA will be available on-line at the project website noted below. Individual copies of the document are available from WSDOT at cost (\$10 for a hard copy; \$5 for a CD). Contact WSDOT project engineer Methqal Abu-Najem (206) 440-4232.

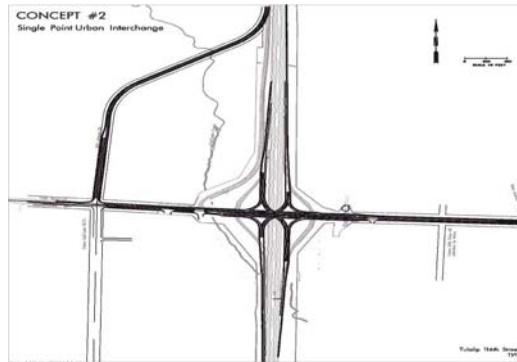
The hearing site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities - or language barriers are asked to call by November 10, 2005 so that arrangements can be made to accommodate their need. The numbers to call are: Telecommunications Relay Service TTY 1-800-833-6388, Tele-Braille 1-800-833-6385, or Voice 1-800-833-6384 and ask to be connected to 1-360-705-7097.

Questions: The project website is <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/northwest/Snohomish/default.htm>

Questions on the project should be sent to Methqal Abu-Najem, WSDOT Project Engineer: Mail Stop 137; Washington State Department of Transportation; PO Box 330310; Seattle, WA 98133-9710. (206) 440-4232.

It is the purpose of this notice and of the hearing to provide for the exchange of information regarding the effect of the proposal on the community. This purpose is in accordance with the pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Highway Act (Title 23 U.S.C 101. et.seq.) and amendments.

Interstate 5 – 116TH Street NE Interchange Improvements Project Preferred Alternative – Single Point Urban Interchange



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